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Subject: Rio Hondo College Bus Subsidy Program (GO RIO)

Nicole:

Rio Hondo College began GO RIO, a transit pilot program (providing all full-time college students with free bus rides), during the 2006-07 academic year. Rio Hondo financed the first year of this program. The estimated total cost for the second year of the GO RIO program is \$85,000. The college is requesting the County to help subsidize this bus pass program for the second year. The third and future years are anticipated to be financed by student fees. Based on the number of full-time students using the GO RIO bus passes during the 2006-07 school year and who reside in the unincorporated County area in your District, approximately \$8,100 would be needed from your Proposition A Local Return Transit Program.

Rather than contributing the funds up front, we recommend the County reimburse Rio Hondo College at the end of the second year. Also, the County should only reimburse Rio Hondo if the college has held a school election for the students to vote on increasing student fees to cover the cost of this bus pass program in future years. This will ensure a clear understanding that if students do not vote in support of the student fee, the County will not be subsidizing this program in future years.

We will also be approaching the Second, Fourth, and Fifth Districts to secure funding from their Proposition A Local Return Transit Program based on the number of students living in the unincorporated areas of their Districts. Please let us know if you agree with our recommendations or if you would like to pursue an alternate approach.

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